

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Prohibition & Excise Department – Liquor syndicate case registered in Krishna District – Allegation of criminal misconduct and criminal conspiracy against Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, former Asst., P&ES (Retd), Krishna district - Entrusted to COI - Inquiry report received - Communicated to the Charged Officer - Representation received - Show Cause Notice issued – Representation received – Imposition of penalty of withholding of three percent (3%) of monthly pension for a period of Six (6) months against Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, former Asst.P&ES , Krishna District now retired as P&ES-Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.775

Dated:29.07.2025
Read the following: -

- 1.From DG, ACB has submitted final report vide Lr.RC.No.57/RCO-VKI/2012, dt.06.11.2012 (Cr.No.4/RCO-ACB-VJA/2012).
2. Govt., Memo No.49988/Vig.V(2)/2012-2, dt.16.01.2013.
3. G.O.Rt.No.897, Rev (Vig.V), dt.17.06.2013.
4. Written Statement of Defence of Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, Asst.,P&ES Dt. 29.12.2014.
5. G.O.Rt.No.357, Rev (Vig.III) dept., dt.01.05.2015.
6. G.O.Rt.No.358, Rev (Vig.III) dept., dt.01.05.2015.
7. G.O.Rt.No.775, Rev (Vig.I) dept., Dt.06-12-2021
8. From the COI, Inquiry report vide D.O.R.No.107/CoI/RPT/2021, dt.31.05.2022
9. Govt. Memo.No.49988/Vig.V(2)/2012, dt:22.09.2022.
10. Representation of S.S.Lakshminarayana Asst., P&ES (Retd), dt.31.10.2022.
11. Hon'ble APHC Orders dt.29.04.2024 in the WP No.14727 of 2020 filed by Sri SS Lakshminarayana, PES, P&E (Retd.).
- 12.Govt. Memo.No.49988/Vig.V(2)/2012, dt:23.04.2025.
13. Govt. Memo.No.49988/Vig.V(2)/2012, dt:02.05.2025 addressed to the GP for Services-II at APHC, Amaravati.
- 14.Representation of S.S.Lakshminarayana Asst., P&ES (Retd), dt.17.06.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 3rd read above, disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, former Asst. P&ES, Krishna district along with 8 others, under rule-20 of APCS (CC &A) Rules, 1991, on the allegations criminal misconduct, who developed nexus with the liquor Group leaders and caused pecuniary advantage to the liquor group by omission of their lawful duties mandated under Excise Act/Rules. These officials without verifying documents issued licenses for A-4 wine shops (Licenses in Binami names) and allowed the group leaders to get the shops in binami names and thereby Facilitated to get wrongful gain and violated A.P Excise Rules- 2005.

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2. In reply to the article of charges framed against them, the Charged Officer Sri S.S. Lakshminarayana, former Asst. P&ES and (8) other P&E Officials submitted their Written Statement of Defences before the Govt., duly denying the Charges framed against them.

3. Sri Dr.Premchand, IAS., (Retired), Commissioner of Inquiries, had been appointed as Inquiring Authority vide reference 5th read above and Sri G.Venugopal as presenting Officer vide reference 6th read above to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against COs including Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, former Asst. P&ES, Vijayawada, Krishna district. Further the case was re-assigned to Sri R.P.Thakur, I.P.S.(Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries as Inquiring Authority vide reference 7th cited.

4. The Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report vide reference 8th read above and reported that the charge framed against Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, former Asst. P&ES, Krishna district now retired as P&ES is held partly proved.

5. In the reference 9th read above, the inquiry report was communicated to the charged officer with a direction to submit his written representation, if any, within 15 days from the date of receipt of the copy of the inquiry report. If not received, further action will be taken against him on the matter available on record.

6. In the reference 10th cited, the C.O Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, former Asst. P&ES, Krishna district now retired as P&ES submitted representation and among other things he has requested to exonerate from the charge citing the prolonged duration of the case and the cessation of pensionary benefits following retirement.

7. In the 11th read above, the Hon'ble APHC issued final orders in the WP No.14727/2020 filed by Sri SS Lakshminarayana, PES, P&E (Retd.) that :

"In view of the reasons stated above, the present writ petition is allowed, directing the Respondents to complete the entire enquiry pending against the petitioner and pass final orders within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The Respondents are further directed to release all consequential benefits in favour of the petitioner."

8. And whereas, Government after careful examination of the matter, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding of three percent (3%) monthly pension for a period of six months against Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, former Asst. P&ES, Krishna district (Retired as P&ES) as the charge was held partly proved in the inquiry in terms of Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules,1980. Accordingly, a show cause notice was issued to Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, former Asst. P&ES, Krishna district (Retired as P&ES), with a direction to submit his representation if any to the Government in the matter in the reference 11th read above.

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9. Whereas in the reference 14th read above, Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, former Asst. P&ES, Krishna district (Retired as P&ES), has submitted a written representation and requested the Government withdrawal of the provisional decision of 3% of withholding of pension for a period of six months on humanitarian grounds.

10. After careful examination of the matter and in pursuance to the orders of the Hon'ble APHC in the WP No.14727/2020, Government hereby conclude the case and order to impose a penalty of withholding of three percent (3%) of monthly pension for a period of six (6) months against Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, former Asst.P&ES, Krishna district (Retired as P&ES) under rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and also to release all consequential retirement benefits pending against him.

11. The Director of Prohibition & Excise, Andhra Pradesh, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To

Sri S.S.Lakshminarayana, former Asst.P&ES, Krishna district (now retired as P&ES) (Through the Director Excise & Prohibition department, AP, Mangalagiri.)

The Director Excise & Prohibition department, AP, Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Accountant General, A.P. Vijayawada.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, AP Vigilance Commission, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Government Pleader for Ser-II for information and take necessary action in the CC No.4551/2024.

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//FORWARDED:BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER